



**THE PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH**

The Mission Community of  
Littleham – Holy Trinity – Lympstone

**Papers for  
The Annual Vestry Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
To be held in  
Littleham Leisure Centre  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at 7pm**

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## **THE PARISH OF LITTLEHAM – CUM – EXMOUTH**

### **NOTICE**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm in Littleham Leisure Centre, Littleham Rd, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – The Vestry Meeting: AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Prayers
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parishioners (see page 2)
4. Election of Churchwardens (Two from each church )

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting (See pages 2-4)
2. Submission of the revised Electoral Roll (See page 5)
3. Report on the proceedings of the PCC year (See page 5)
4. The Examined accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
(See separate document and pages 6 onward)
5. The report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church (See page 8)
6. The report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod (see page 9)
7. Elections & Appointments – (See page 9)
  - a) Election of Deanery Synod members (1 casual vacancy one year only)
  - b) Election of PCC members  
(2 persons from HT plus 2 from Littleham each for 3 year term)  
(Casual Vacancies 1 HT –1 year only plus possible 2<sup>nd</sup> for 1 year only)
  - c) Appointment of Sidespersons (for each of the parish churches) (See Page 9)
  - d) Appointment of the Independent Examiner (See page 9)
8. The Team Vicar's Annual Report (See page 10)
9. The Team Rector's Report ( See Annual Report & Financial Statement -pages 1-6)
10. Reception of reports from Church based organisations and groups (see Page 10)
11. Any other permitted business

**Agenda item 1:**

**PARISH OF LITTLEHAM CUM EXMOUTH**  
**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2018**  
**Held at Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.00pm**

**THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

- 1 **The Revd. James Hutchings, Rector**, in the Chair, welcomed those present and opened the meeting with a reading.
- 2 **42 persons signed the Attendance Sheet** which is filed with these Minutes.  
**Apologies were received from 12 persons.**
- 3 **The Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**, which had been displayed following that meeting, and were included in the papers for The Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM, were proposed by Mr Bob Soutter and seconded by Mrs Gill Hillman were signed as an accurate record. Unanimously accepted.
- 4 **Election of Churchwardens** for a period of one year. The Rector expanded on the Role of Churchwarden. He Thanked Mr Alan Whipps & Mrs Kevan Tongue, who were both standing down as Churchwardens @ Littleham. **No nominations had been received from Littleham, so these will remain vacant.**  
Two nominations had been received **Mrs Sue Carrahar and Mrs Sue Stock for Holy Trinity**. It was agreed that although Sue Carrahar was standing for a 7<sup>th</sup> year, as no other nominations had been received, the Rector proposed this be agreed by the meeting, being accepted unanimously by a show of hands. These persons were duly elected.
- 5 **The Chairman invited any questions**, there being none he closed the Vestry meeting at 7.10pm.

Signed.....Date.....

**B THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

- 1 **The Minutes of the APCM held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**, contained in the papers for AVM & APCM, had been displayed in both churches for a period of at least 3 weeks. It was proposed by Mrs
- 2 Gill Hillman and seconded by Mrs Beryl Cole that these Minutes be signed as a correct record, all in favour, unanimously accepted.
- 2 **Submission of the Revised Electoral Roll:** (page 5) *Total Number 273, made up 153 HT, 118 Littleham and 2 No preference*, an increase of 10 over previous year. The Chairman thanked Kevan Tongue for his work on the Electoral Roll over the past year. It was noted that a complete revision of the Electoral Roll would be necessary next year (2019).
- 3 **The Report on the proceedings of the PCC to year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017:** The full PCC met on 6 occasions during 2017 and attendance slightly up over the previous year to 79%. Items discussed included, Growing our church; Strategy to improve our financial situation; LLC; Discipleship & Evangelism in the Mission Community; Pension Provision for church employees ; Parish Giving Scheme; Quinquennial Inspections @ both Churches.  
The Chairman thanked Mike Goom for all his work as PCC Secretary.

**4 The Examined Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2017**(page 5 and separate document) Bob Soutter highlighted his report on page 5, showing a surplus £877, also having been able to transfer monies to Youth & Family Workers Fund and Fabric Fund, pending the Quinquennial Inspections work.

A Question was to what was **Prospects** and Sue Carrahar responded that it was a grant given in previous years, but no longer.

**5 Report on the Ornaments, Goods and Fabric of the Church (page 7)**

**a St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Littleham:** Churchwardens, Alan Whipps & Kevan Tongue presented the report, including Vandalism within Church and CCTV was installed as a deterrent. Replacement of the Sound System had been fully installed and thanks to Viridor for securing £10,098 from their landfill tax scheme. Quinquennial inspection was undertaken and a number of works were identified to be undertaken from mid-late April 2018. The Churchyard wall repaired following part collapse of a section.

**b Holy Trinity:** Churchwardens, Sue Carrahar & Sue Stock presented the report, although a fairly quiet year, however sadly a break in/burglary resulted in some damage and theft (£8,400) along with 7 other Devon Churches over a 10 day period. Anonymous donors have provided funds to allow mesh to be installed over many more windows. All terrier items are still safe. Thanks to Brenda Lowes for replacement of the purple Altar Frontal.

These reports were unanimously accepted.

**6 Report on the Proceedings of the Aylesbeare Deanery Synod (page 7)** Paul Stock, Lay Chair, advised that the Synod met on 3 occasions in 2017, these were @ HT (30 March); Lymptstone (19 July); Victory Hall Broadclyst (8 Nov). Paul said all meetings are open meetings and invited all to come along and find out what happens in the deanery.

**Elections and Appointments (page 8)**

**a Aylesbeare Deanery Synod:** There is a casual HT vacancy for two years (2018/2019), following the resignation of Mrs Diana Cosslett. Mrs Beryl was nominated and seconded to allow her to take on the role of Secretary to the Synod. No other nominations received, so she was duly elected.

**b Parochial Church Council:** 3 vacancy for Littleham (Sessions 2018/19/20) 3 years, Nominations received for **Mrs Diana West; Mrs Margot Haley; Mr Nathan Wakefield**. 1vacancies for HT for 3 years (Sessions 2018/19/20), nominations received for **Mrs Diana Cosslett** plus 2 for 2 year casual vacancies (Sessions 2018/19) Vice Robert Yukon resigned and Mrs Beryl Cole elected to Deanery Synod, with nomination received for **Mr Michael Goom**. No other nominations received, so these people were duly elected for their various sessions, and one HT casual vacancy left in abeyance until 2019 APCM. James thanked those whose term of office on the PCC has come to an end.

**c Sidespersons:**

**i) Appointment of Sidespersons for Litt'm** nominated by Mr A Whipps & Mr K Tongue:

Mrs J Elms	Mr D. Frost	Mrs F Hughes,	Mrs M. Logan
Mrs P Mitchell	Mr R Ward	Mrs B Webley	Mrs E Welch
Mrs J Whipps	Mr M Woodcraft	Mr L Wright	

**ii) Appointment of Sidespersons for HT** nominated by Mrs S Carrahar and Mrs S Stock:

Ms H Coleman	Mrs K Davison	Dr M Elliott	Mrs E German
Mrs J Goom	Mr M Goom	Mrs K Hoole	Miss A Hurley
Mrs P Jackson	Miss B Jones	Mrs J Moger	Mrs J Parkin
Mr H Terry	Mrs M Tomlinson	Mr S Tsepeinekov	Mr K Turner
Mrs S Turner	Mrs B Wilson	Mr G Wilson	

The above were all duly appointed with thanks.

**d Appointment of Independent Examiners:** *Mr Jim Bick of Bick Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants of 18a Littleham Road, Exmouth* have been proposed by Mrs Sue Carrahar and seconded by Alan Whipps. He is the existing Examiner and has agreed to continue if re-elected. Agreed unanimously.

**8 Team Vicar’s Annual Report** (see page 9) The Revd. Benedict Cambridge, presented his report and invited Questions, but none were forthcoming.

**9 The Team Rector’s Annual Report:** *please see separate document called “Annual Report and Financial Statements” Pages 1 - 6.* The Revd. James Hutchings commended his report to the meeting. A Summary of life of the Church Community. He Welcomed Huw Ryden to the parish, to be priested as Curate on 29 September @ Exeter Cathedral 4pm. The Parish has a range of groups, some challenges to come – Kathy retiring as Administrator at end of June – More team working as now only 2 Churchwardens in Parish , both @ HT – Another look at service times across the Mission Community – New PCC to endeavor to develop links between groups. He thanked Neville, who has stepped down as Tower Captain, and Welcomed Margaret Elms as the new Tower Captain.

**10 Reception of Reports from Church based organisations and groups** (New Document)

**Parish & People** had been produced for 2018, a glossy document containing Church Services; Church Music Group; Church Family Group; Church Facilities; Social; Support for Others; Schools; Rectors review (2017)

Benedict said that *Open to God* wished to amend the Next Term looking at the Role of Women in the Church, rather than Deuteronomy, as printed.

The Rector invited any other corrections, no were raised, he then thanked all those involved in the many and varied aspects of the Church Community within the Parish.

**11 A O B:** None.

**The Rector thanked the caterers and everyone for their attendance and meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.**

**Meeting closed @ 7.55pm**

Signed.....Date.....

## **Agenda Item 2:**

### **Parish of Littleham cum Exmouth - Electoral Roll 2019**

#### **Statement to be presented to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 27th March 2019**

The statutory procedures for the preparation of the new electoral roll have been completed, and copies of the draft new roll displayed in both churches for the statutory period of 15 days.

The new roll is made up as follows:-

Total No. of entries - **251**

Made up of **152** with Holy Trinity as their main church attended.

**99** with Littleham as their main church attended

This is 22 less than last year's total.

This concludes my official report. **Mike Bradshaw (Electoral Roll Officer)**

## **Agenda Item 3:**

### **REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The full PCC met on 5 occasions during 2018. It should be noted that besides these meetings almost all members sit on at least one Sub Committee. These Sub Committees undertake a tremendous amount of work to support the PCC, thus saving hours of the PCC Meetings. These Sub Committees have delegated powers, but all their minutes are open to scrutiny and questions at full PCC Meetings. Many routine items were discussed and in addition the following items were also discussed:

- Growing our church
- Strategy to improve our financial situation
- Discipleship & Evangelism in the Mission Community
- Mission Action Plan
- Parish Giving Scheme
- General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Attendance at meetings during the year was very slightly down over previous year at 76%.

**Mike Goom (PCC Secretary)**

**Agenda Item 4:**

**THE EXAMINED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

The year has not been an easy one financially. The congregations at both churches are changing year on year, and with those changes has come a downturn in the amount of disposable income that members have. Our average level of giving has, therefore, not grown over the last few years - whereas our expenditure has. There has been no dramatic rise in our numbers, but in 2008 we sent £92,000 to the Diocese to fund clergy stipends etc. - in 2018 we sent £125,000.

We have been 'saved' from a major deficit by an exceptional grant from the Glebe House Trust - an 'Associated Charity'. The Trustees have released £40,000 of their capital to give to the PCC.

Just to compound our problems, it is hardly a surprise to report that our very small portfolio of investments did not do well during the year. We suffered 'on paper', an overall loss in their value of almost £7,000. After transfers to the Churchyard Account of £10,000, £15,000 to the Fabric Fund and £5,000 to the Youth and Family Worker's Account, we ended the year, as shown below, with an overall loss of £4754. We have also made a great start in the longer term repairs necessary to both our churches.

But we must not be despondent. We have so much to thank God for, and we know that He is in control. 2019 will be another difficult year, but the PCC will continue to keep a close eye on our finances. Thank you, everyone, for your generous support as always.

Full details of the Financial Statements are given in a separate document: these 'highlights' do NOT form part of the statutory documents.

	£ <u>2018</u>	£ <u>2017</u>
Our total income to the General Fund for the year, before transfers was:	<b>250,833</b>	<b>234,286</b>
This was made up as follows:		
1. Voluntary Income: Parish Giving Scheme, s/os, collections, donations, tax recovered, legacies	210,600	183,996
2. Activities for generating funds: donations for car parking, use of buildings etc. by outside bodies	12,164	15,458
3. Church Activities: fees, fund raising at church functions, use of buildings by Christian Organisations	22,349	29,324
4. Income from Investments	5,720	5,508
	<b>250,833</b>	<b>234,286</b>
Net		
Our total expenditure from the General Fund, before transfers was:	<b>221,863</b>	<b>221,289</b>
This was made up as follows:		
1. Church activities: grants to missions etc, ministry costs, church running expenses etc	218,008	214,478
2 Raising Funds: cost of items for resale, cost of catering functions for outside organisations etc.	3,855	6,811
	<b>221,863</b>	<b>221,289</b>
We transferred £10,000 to the Churchyard Fund, £15,000 to the Fabric Fund and £5,000 to the Youth & Family Worker Fund.		
£1800 came IN from the Churchyard Fund; £380 from HT's 0-5 Group and £1,008 from Holy Trinity Flower Guild.		
We therefore ended the year with a surplus of £2,158, but there was a decrease in the value of our investments: they went down in value by £6912 which made a final deficit of £4,754.		
We gave away a total of <b>£17,271</b> , which was 10% of our giving income to the General Fund in 2017		
Here is the complete list of the various Funds at the end of the year:	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
1. General Fund	48381	53135
2. Churchyard	7022	1810
3. Clergy Retreats	1223	0
4. Fabric Fund	29559	23174
5. Flower Guilds: Holy Trinity	2076	1258
6. Flower Guild – Littleham	846	1123
7. Holy Trinity Sound System Appeal	2250	0
8. Legacy Trusts	66870	68910
9. Littleham Leisure Centre	15006	0
10. Littleham Sound System Appeal	5373	5260
11. Ordinands' Fund	1330	1531
12. Welcome Pack	235	770
13 Youth and Family Worker Fund	7833	8657
	<b>188458</b>	<b>166010</b>



## **Agenda item 5:**

### **REPORT ON ORNAMENTS, GOODS AND FABRIC OF THE CHURCHES**

#### **a) St Margaret and St Andrew's, Littleham**

The first stage of the work identified in the Quinquennial Inspection has been completed; further work will be undertaken in due course. We are still concerned about rain coming in to the Vestry when there are strong winds but this is being investigated by the architect and will be rectified as soon as possible.

The lighting system is very poor and causes problems for almost everyone who uses the church. We had hoped to install a new system during 2018 but, following advice from the lighting expert on the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), we are aware that we need to improve on the original plan. Discussion and planning is ongoing with Fords and the DAC; a positive outcome is eagerly awaited!

During the year a water leak on the path leading to the church was repaired; a silver chalice and a ciborium underwent minor repairs; the outside notice boards were mended and the notice boards in the porch were re-covered.

We acquired a bookcase, which has been placed at the back of the church, to ensure that people have easier access to the many books in our library

All goods and ornaments are in good order.

Following a comprehensive Fire Risk Assessment by Martyn Haley we decided to install metal cupboards in the bottom of the tower so that everything we need to store in there could be contained within a fireproof space.

We organised a Team Clean in November which was well supported and very successful. As well as giving that extra bit of polish to this lovely church, the tower was given a thorough makeover. The new cupboards were filled thereby reducing the fire risk. Thanks to everyone who was able to help.

The proposed projector system was met with enthusiasm by the DAC when they visited; subsequently an online faculty was submitted and it is "awaiting DAC approval".

#### **Sue Carrahar and Sue Stock**

#### **b) Holy Trinity**

This has been a varied year.

Following the slightly belated Quinquennial, we were pleased to note that there was nothing enormous which required swift action.

The window inside the organ chamber, which was originally damaged during a raid in WW2, has now been repaired following a temporary repair in the 1940s!

We have been most fortunate thanks to a generous donor, in having new chairs in the Coffee bar, as the old ones were in rapid decline! We have begun the process of replacing the sound system, thanks again to the fund being boosted by some generous donations- hopefully, more on this in next year's report once the work has been completed!

Ecclesiastical insurers came and did a thorough audit of our building and contents as a result of which it was requested by them, that due to the risk of arson, we are not to leave out candles when the church is open but unattended.

A very successful Fire Extinguisher training enabled several of us to make sure that we are fully aware of how to operate the variety of extinguishers which are placed around the building!

The Churchwardens are satisfied that the goods, ornaments, fabric and chattels of the church are in good order.

Despite having had many months of petty vandalism by a small group of young people, which has also involved the Police, resulting in us having to lock the church (more often than we would ideally like), appears to now have been resolved, and we look forward to the church once more being open to allow visitors to experience its beauty and tranquillity. **Sue Stock & Sue Carrahar**

## **Agenda Item: 6**

### **REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF AYLESBEARE DEANERY SYNOD**

Among many other things, Deanery Synod brings together views from the parishes, acts as a channel of communication between parishes and Diocesan Synod, and elects representatives to Diocesan and General Synods. It comprises a House of Clergy and a House of Laity, and it is chaired by the Rural Dean and by the Lay Chairman.

The parish of Littleham-cum-Exmouth is one of the 17 parishes that make up Aylesbeare Deanery. The Rural Dean is The Rev'd James Hutchings, and the Lay Chairman is Paul Stock. By virtue of the number on our Electoral Roll, the parish is currently allocated four of the 36 seats in the House of Laity. Elections of lay representatives take place every three years, and the next election will be in 2020, but casual elections can take place annually to fill vacancies that may have occurred since the last triennial election. For most of the 2018/19 year, only three of the four vacancies in Littleham-cum Exmouth have been filled.

The Aylesbeare Deanery Synod met in May, July and November in 2018. Reports were received from Diocesan and General Synods, and among the agenda items discussed were the Diocesan Common Fund Review, and the Deanery Plan (work on the latter will continue into 2019). The July synod took the form of a Deanery Eucharist at which the Dean of Exeter Cathedral preached, while guests to the May and November meetings included the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Diocesan Director of Finance, the Archdeacon of Exeter, and the Diocesan Inter-Faith Adviser. **Keith Moore**

## **Agenda Item 7**

### **a) DEANERY SYNOD**

2 persons elected for sessions 2017/2018/2019, 1 person co-opted (2018/2019), leaving vacancy for one year.

### **b) PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

2 persons from HT plus 2 from Littleham **each for three year term**  
Casual Vacancies 1 from HT – **1 year only** plus possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> – **1 year only**

### **c) SIDESPERSONS**

#### **i) St Margaret and St Andrew's Littleham:**

The following have been nominated by Sue Carrahar and Sue Stock

Mr J Elms	Mr M Evershed	Mrs D Frost	Mrs J King (Deputy Warden)
Mrs P Mitchell	Mr R Ward	Mrs B Webley	Mrs L Wright

#### **ii) Holy Trinity**

The following have been nominated by Sue Carrahar and Sue Stock

Mr M Bradshaw	Ms H Coleman	Mrs D Cosslett (Deputy Warden)	Mrs K Davison
Dr M Elliott	Mrs E German	Mrs J Goom	Mrs K Hoole Mrs A Hurley
Miss B Jones	Mrs J Moger	Mrs J Parkin	Mr H Terry
Mrs M Tomlinson	Mr S Tsepeinekov	Mr K Turner	Mrs S Turner
Mrs B Wilson	Mr G Wilson		

### **d) APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS**

Mr Jim Bick of Bick Accountants Limited, Chartered Accountants, of 18a Littleham Road, Exmouth has been proposed by Sue Carrahar and seconded by Sue Stock.

He is the existing Examiner and has agreed to continue if re-elected.

## **Agenda Item 8:**

### **TEAM VICARS REPORT**

2018 has been another good year for us in the Mission Community and we have clearly seen that God is with us through all the ups and downs of life together. I am so grateful to all those, across the Parish (and Mission Community) who have given so sacrificially of their time, money and talents to enable the work of the church and the ministry that we all enjoy.

Littleham Church particularly has seen a Renaissance of volunteering as we have taken the opportunity to find new ways of working together in church and I would like to particularly thank all those who have stepped up and taken on new responsibility – it really is a sign of God working among us as the body of Christ and we look forward to those God has called as Church Wardens joining our established and very competent team.

My ministry has again this year been varied, challenging, often difficult but always fulfilling and I am so glad to find myself in the centre of God's will for me and my family here and upheld by your prayers and delighted by the way God speaks and moves among us. Our Sunday services are so important to the life of our church and it is a privilege to help make them what they are in a small way by presiding and preaching. I was very grateful to receive your support this year in being able to take a Sabbatical, and particularly moved and humbled by all those who supported us financially (without whom it would not have been possible). Alongside the much-needed rest and recuperation, the precious time I was able to spend with my family, and especially with my boys, I spent a lot of time praying, reading scripture and being with God. There is nothing more powerful in your spiritual life than having to rely on God, as we did in South Africa, and seeing him move in significant ways. And especially powerful to be able to see that through the eyes of my boys, for whom it is no exaggeration to say that the experience was life changing.

Coming back from three months where God was saying very clearly to me that the theme of my time away was "Be still and know that I Am is God", I found that the overarching sense of God's word to me coming back into ministry here was still "Be still and know that I Am is God". I have begun to explore what that might mean for us (particularly with a new prayer meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Littleham Church to which the whole Mission Community is invited) and I hope that we are beginning to see the fruits of it. God is calling us to be still before him and out of that stillness and rest comes our busyness and ministry. Living in that way means that our efforts are directed in the right direction, that our priorities are his and that our hearts, minds and spirits are aligned with God's.

I was warned by Bishop Robert that I needed to take it easy coming back into ministry because those coming back from a Sabbatical, where the rhythm of life is deliberately gentler and more reflective, have found 're-entry' to be quite bumpy. I didn't think much about it at the time but I certainly found it to be true in those first couple of weeks in November last year! I was forcibly reminded that clergy all travel at 100mph, all the time, and it took quite a bit of getting used to again. However, it has meant that I have been looking again at the things I do and how I do them so that there is space in my day and my week to be still and know that I Am is God. **Benedict Cambridge**

### **RECEPTION OF REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS ETC.**

NB: As last year, all items relating to Children and Young People are grouped together at the END of this section, under 'Children's, Youth and Family Work'.

#### **a) BELL RINGERS – LITTLEHAM**

Our 2 new ringers (Samuel Cambridge and Joe Burren) who first rang for the 2017 Carol Service have been a useful addition to the band on Sunday mornings and are steadily improving. They are both now members of Guild of Devonshire Ringers which means that they can go to the Branch practices at other local towers to get wider experience of other towers and ringers. We had an outing to Uplowman,

Bampton, Bickleigh and Shobrooke with lunch at The Fisherman's Cot at Bickleigh but the major change has been that practices are now shared with Withycombe Raleigh ringers and their extra experience and ability is appreciated whilst we boost their numbers. The change of service time at St John the Evangelist meant that some of this joint band could ring at 2 churches on a Sunday morning but from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 the service time has reverted to 10.00am and we no longer have their help. **Margaret Elms**

#### **b) CATERING/SOCIAL - HOLY TRINITY**

We continue to be a very social church family, enjoying fun and food with our friends.

- Our big outing in 2018 was by coach to Paignton, to join the Steam Railway (what else?) to Dartmouth. The afternoon took us to Buckfast Abbey to see the beautiful East window now completed, plus the brilliant new interpretation museum. And of course we then enjoyed an excellent cream tea, before being brought home by coach.
- Huw Ryden's Ordination was another excuse for a coach trip to the Cathedral - and we enjoyed cake and wine the following day at Holy Trinity.
- The catering team at Littleham continue to provide the much appreciated monthly lunches.
- Also at Littleham, the Leisure Centre provided an excellent venue for a highly successful Barn Dance, to mark St Andrew's tide. The net proceeds of this helped to pay for the repairs at Littleham Church.
- Back at HT, one highlight of the year was a wonderful concert given by the 'Jigsaw Choir' from Shrewsbury, when they donated their services, and most of the ticket sales were matched funded by Barclays Bank, raising money for HT's repairs.
- The catering team at HT were as busy as ever, with Epiphany and Harvest Lunches, a private function and running a 'pop-up café during both the Exmouth Festival and our own Flower Festival. After a good number of years I have now handed responsibility for the major functions to Ann Bellamy. However, I shall continue to be 'on the team' and will be looking after the smaller events buying the weekly supplies of milk and biscuits. Thank you all for your wonderful support. **Diana Cosslett**

#### **c) CATERING/SOCIAL – LITTLEHAM**

To save on washing up, 'Open to God' caterers have always used disposable cups and have been able during the past year to source some recycle-able disposable cups and to suggest that people may bring their own. The 'angels' on the after Sunday 10am tea/coffee rota continue but no longer have to wash up the saucers since mugs replaced the cups and saucers at the end of the year.

The regular third Wednesday NND lunches had their 14<sup>th</sup> year. One was held in February despite it being Lent with 3 drop-in lunches of soup, bread and tea/coffee also held. We never hold one in the holiday month of August. Again we had to negotiate with new owners of the Clinton Arms about our December meal. The favourable terms gave numbers wishing to go enough to have us in the functions room rather than the bar! Open to God catering has always been 'Bring and share', contributions for morning coffee and profit from lunches go to Parish funds though there is usually some contribution to the December meal. Lent lunches have usually fund raised and £92 was sent to Open Doors. **Margaret Elms**

#### **d) CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Thank you to all our supporters for another profitable year resulting in a final sum of £848.

We had a tea party earlier in the year to collect house boxes and a very successful Bank Holiday Coffee morning. Littleham church held two wonderfully attended Christingle services (over 300 attendees) and Holy Trinity combined Sunday @ 4 with a Christingle service. **Diane Cosslett**

#### **e) CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN EXMOUTH**

2018 was a year of change for CTE. Its formal meetings and organisation has ceased, as more active ministers have moved on, and lay people aren't available to take on the necessary roles. However the

good news is that about 10-12 local ministers meet together monthly for breakfast and prayer. Most of the activities listed in Parish and People continue. There have also been gatherings of Prayer for Exmouth at Brixington Church and Christ Church attracting a very good number. Littleham Voices sang in the Strand at the Christmas Fair in December on behalf of CTE.

I have continued to represent CTE on the Community Organisations Liaison Panel, supported by Tony Siddall, and have also been part of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The referendum on the plan takes place at polling stations across Exmouth on 21 March. Please go and vote! **James Hutchings**

#### **fa) CHOIR – HOLY TRINITY**

Holy Trinity Choir members are so loyal and play a vital part in leading our worship. On special occasions as well as most Sundays, we still manage to provide a four-part choir. As ever, I am grateful to those who augment the choir for the carol service and other special occasions. As an added bonus, Sue Stock has enhanced our worship on many occasions with her instrumental playing, something on which people often comment. We have enjoyed social occasions during the year, including a meal to celebrate my 20 years as Director of Music at Holy Trinity. I am especially grateful to the choir for performing in the celebration concert (also part of the Flower Festival). My thanks also to Sue and my colleagues Kate and Neil for adding variety and expertise during the evening. Thank you also for the gifts I received to mark the occasion. I am grateful to those who have 'deputised' for me during the year – Mark Perry, Tom Lowes and Paul Harvey. We have good fun at rehearsals and singing really does lift your spirits. Anyone interested in moving from the congregation to the choir? This would help us to maintain and enhance our musical contribution to worship. Please come and talk to me. **Paul Stock, Director of Music**

#### **fb) CHOIR - LITTLEHAM**

There has been no change in our position since last year. We still need more choir members to help lead the worship and to fill the gaps in times of holidays and sickness. We are not too demanding, so please help if you can. Once again, my thanks to all our extras who join us as Christmas time.

I also greatly appreciate the help of Martin Knight who very kindly stepped in at short notice to deputise last Easter following my fall, which resulted in six weeks absence. Thank you all for your support and patience during my slow recovery. **John Pedrick**

#### **g) CHURCHYARD**

We have had another fantastic year in the churchyard. Though burials were down in numbers, causing us some financial concern (and thanks must go to Bob Soutter for his able support), there were many things to celebrate. Thanks to Shaun and Larry, the new section of the churchyard was kept mown and immaculate along with many other improvements; we are very fortunate to have such a committed and talented Sexton. Our wildlife sections have been a great success. It is true that a couple of people haven't quite understood what it is we are trying to do but the vast majority of people have appreciated the new diversity of wild flowers, the habitat for insects (which we are told are under threat) and all the birds that frequent the churchyard. 12 acres makes us the largest churchyard in the Southwest and the diversity of environments, from beautifully mown areas to areas of rugged, wild beauty; all set in the rolling hills of East Devon, make our churchyard one of the best. We'll put that on the next leaflet! I would like to say a particular thanks to my churchyard committee who work so hard to help everything run smoothly.

**Benedict Cambridge**

#### **h) COFFEE & ART GROUP - LITTLEHAM**

The group is still producing some excellent work. Our numbers are quite low at times, but we plod on! We enjoy our individual projects, with Jan always at hand to guide us, when needed. Before we begin, we have our coffee, and chat, decide what we are doing, then get down to some drawing or painting, for the rest of the morning. **Jane Ladbury**

### **i) COFFEE BAR – HOLY TRINITY**

We try and open our doors 6 mornings a week from 10 am to 12 pm. Our customers include people living in the local community, visitors to the town and people from our mission community. Firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers, some of whom have been supporting this valuable service since we first opened 20 plus years ago.

During the past year we have had some difficulty covering the full week and have not been able to open up every day. Due to other commitments, myself included, we are short of volunteers mainly on a Tuesday and Thursday. If anyone would like to join our group of volunteers and is able to give 2 hours a month we would be very pleased to welcome you. Please pop in and speak to one of the volunteers on duty or you are welcome to phone me on 01395 277488. **Fran Winton - on behalf of the volunteers**

### **j) EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

A team of Eucharistic ministers regularly take Holy Communion to people in Residential Homes. Many who do not receive communion enjoy attending and singing or listening to hymns. Please let the clergy know if there is anyone who would like to receive communion at home, of which we might not be aware.

**Maureen Douglas**

### **ka) FLOWER GUILD – HOLY TRINITY**

It has been just over 12 months since I took over from Doreen Gray as Chair of the Flower Guild, and I think I can safely say it has been a very busy, but very rewarding year. Firstly, I would like to say how lucky and blessed we are to have such a happy, supportive and talented team of flower arrangers, totalling 14 of us in all. Sadly one of our ladies felt it was time to retire, but we have been lucky in welcoming a new member of the congregation to our Guild.

During the past year we've had five weddings, although only one couple asked for 'special wedding' flowers, lots of anniversaries, funeral flowers, art trail pedestal, as well as Mothering Sunday posies, Easter flowers, Harvest, Remembrance poppies and carnations, and Christmas. Of course, our very successful Flower Festival was held at the end of September. To help fund our flower festival one of our ladies held a lovely cream tea at her home. We were blessed with beautiful weather that day so most of us were able to sit outside and enjoy the garden and stunning views over the Maer. As this was so successful we are planning another tea this summer, so keep a look out for tickets for sale nearer the time.

The Flower Festival was held over an amazing 4 days, and brought in about 600 visitors to our Church. It was good to include different groups and organisations from outside the Church to help in the arranging of the 'Bible Stories'. Everyone was so supportive and got on well in the build up to the festival, it was a pleasure to be part of it, and I was really 'blown away' by the stunning displays that were created to interpret the different stories. A huge thanks to everyone who helped, however big or small your part was, in making our festival so successful. The Festival itself raised an amazing £2014 which was shared equally between the Church and the Flower Guild, so I'm pleased to report the Guild is quite comfortably off at the moment, but as the cost of flowers increases then our outgoings will be higher.

Thank you again for all your support and encouraging comments – they are very much appreciated.

**Gill Moore**

### **kb) FLOWER GUILD – LITTLEHAM**

Littleham Flower Guild has continued to provide Church flowers for every Sunday, except through Advent and Lent, during the year. Many thanks to all those who have strived so faithfully to make our Church a welcoming place.

At our annual meeting in June we were happy to welcome Debbie to our number, Tina also hopes to join us after Easter. We are always pleased to welcome any new volunteers, either as arrangers or helpers especially at the festivals. Due to the new Fire regulations we have been provided with a new steel cupboard in the tower room to which each member has a key. This has meant a much tidier storing of our equipment. **Pauline Mortimer and Sue Stubbings**

## **l) HARD QUESTIONS CAFE**

This year saw some stimulating and varied subjects discussed:

- how can we reduce our use of plastic, led by Revd David Ireson
- the morality of the tax system, Dr Gregory Morris from Exeter Uni Business School
- the theological and ethical implications of drone warfare, Dr Esther Reed, Exeter Uni
- what the bible means to me, Dr Cheryl Hunt, Exeter Uni
- the changing face of marriage, gender and sexual identity, Canon John Philpott
- and a Grave Talk: talking about issues surrounding death and dying

Across the year these drew in a larger number, often for a specific subject only, but with a faithful core who came to most or all! The issues will keep on coming in 2019....

**James Hutchings**

## **m) HOUSE GROUPS**

House Groups play a vital part of fellowship, nurture and learning within the Mission Community. Our mission community has groups meeting in members' homes throughout Exmouth and Lympstone, usually fortnightly, on varying days and times of the week. House groups are a place to bring questions about the Christian life, and to find friendship, support and prayer. The groups study the bible in different ways, some using study guides, other taking Sunday's sermon as their starting point or asking what the bible has to say about a particular aspect of life, such as forgiveness or unity. Some groups are led by one or two people, and other share leadership with members taking turns to lead sessions. All groups respect the confidentiality of their members and it is expected that anything personal that is shared in a group will not be passed on. Being part of a House group can be an enriching experience and is an opportunity to share ideas and grow as disciples together. If you would like to be part of a House Group please contact Elizabeth Burren on 01395 264010, or speak to one of the Clergy or a Churchwarden. **Elizabeth Burren**

## **na) LIBRARY – HOLY TRINITY**

Since taking over the responsibility for the library from Pam Newcombe in March 2017 we have carried out two complete audits of the books. The first audit gave us the opportunity to reposition misplaced books and on the second audit, we introduced a selection of books that have been kindly donated during our time. There has been a large number of books donated during the past two years, for which we offer our thanks to those who have left them. Sadly, owing to limitation of shelf space, not all of these books could be introduced into the library. However, we found a good outlet for the unwanted books by passing them on for distribution to people in other parts of the world who would not otherwise see any Christian writings. The books were gratefully received. **Jennie and Derek Norris**

## **nb) LIBRARY - LITTLEHAM**

In 2018 quite a few books were given to the library which, for lack of shelf space, had mostly to be offered free to church members. We now have an extra open bookcase which has been filled with the many books hidden in the cupboards for a long while. When volunteers are available, these books need to be sorted out into their various categories while some again may be offered free to members, so that there is more space for further gifts of books. Thanks for the powers that be who have taken the trouble, at last, to give consent and even to find free bookshelves, fitted together by volunteers, which happen to fit the space available admirably. **John Hill**

## **o) LITTLEHAM LEISURE CENTRE**

Regular Church Groups The Leisure Centre provides the venue for the following church groups highlighted elsewhere in this document:-Chill, Halfways, Praise and Play, Monday Art Group and (on Sundays) Junior Church and (once a month) Breakfast Praise formerly held in Littleham School. Other Weekly Groups 3 separate dance groups regularly use the hall each week. The Karate and the Tai-chi groups are also regular weekly events Rainbows and Brownies use the Centre each week. Private Bookings Parties and other

family events take place usually at weekends. In addition occasional church-run special events take place: A Games Evening for all ages took place in October. A Barn Dance in early December which was enhanced by a live 6 piece band was enjoyed by the church community. Littleham School Fete was very well attended in December resulting in a shared profit of over £300 each for school and the church. A Christmas social arranged by council youth workers (normally working from Clayton House in North Littleham) and a co-opted committee including members from Littleham church attracted a few more families within our neighbourhood at a party. There is potential for other regular social events to be run at the hall as a drop in for local people e.g. coffee mornings, table tennis etc. if there are people willing to commit to helping such events?

There have been no significant problems with the building in 2018. However a teenage party in mid-December caused considerable damage simply because there was no adult supervision and since then bookings for late night parties have been stopped except when sponsored by committee member(s). In December there were two minor leaks after a period of strong winds and heavy rain. Local contractors checked the roof in late December, but no defects in the covering could be found. We will continue to monitor.

The temporary wind shields set up during the summer proved that a fenced off area is a very useful asset so a more substantial, easily removable, wooden fence will be installed soon. 3 floodlights have been recently installed on the western side of the building to give extra potential for games in winter in a fenced area (the size of the main hall) when the weather is suitable.

Financially, the Centre is viable. We benefit from now being included with the other buildings run by the PCC and are grateful to Bob Soutter for his help with financial transactions. I am especially grateful to Janet King and Margaret Elms for their hard work in the day to day running of the LLC. **John Elms (chairman)**

#### **p) LITTLEHAM VOICES**

Our occasional choir continues to perform at various times in the year, most usually at Easter and Christmas, and at our new home of Open to God. However, in December 2018 we also had the exciting opportunity to sing at the Exmouth Christmas Fair on a large stage in the town square. Our program was the usual mixture of contemporary and traditional Christmas music with a few crowd-pleasers thrown in for good measure. We were able to sing one carol accompanied by the Exmouth Town Band which was wonderful. Because the choir director is finishing her PhD this year, Littleham Voices will be reconvening in the Autumn term to rehearse firstly for an outreach evening, and then also for Christmas. If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, please contact the parish office for further details nearer the time.

**Louise Prideaux**

#### **q) MENS BREAKFAST**

I often wonder if the men attend to hear the excellent speakers, or come just for the Full English breakfasts that the Toby Inn provide for us!!! I would like to pay tribute at this point to the staff at the Toby Inn who always provide us with as much breakfast as we want plus tea and coffee. It's piping hot and never late, which leaves us to just organise the seating.

The speakers this season have been varied. We had Tim Wood talking in October on his life combining chess, computers and conservatism - a very interesting combination of subjects. In December we had Tony Siddall - talking about his life aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia / Sailing with the Royals. This gave us an insight into life on the ship with HRH. In January, Benedict & Samuel talked about their time in South Africa and the work they did in the children's home during Benedict's sabbatical. Benedict also touched on other things and places he went to.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to hearing from Huw Ryden and Peter Stiff who will be speaking in March and April this year.

I want to thank all the men for their attendance and support. The Lord has blessed us and we remember that it is in His name that we meet. **Martin Holman**



#### **r) MISSION ACTION PLAN**

Following consultation across the congregations, the Mission Community Committee drew up our new Mission Action Plan (MAP) which has now been distributed. The MAP is aimed at ensuring all we do is focussed on prayer, growing and serving. It is now a regular item on the PCC agenda. We have decided to disband the committee as a regular body and instead will organise a working group when we next review the MAP. **James Hutchings**

#### **s) MISSION FOCUS COMMITTEE**

All of the activities described in Parish and People continued in 2018, and our commitment to giving 10% of our regular income to outward mission, more than £17,000! We had speakers from Barnabas, CMS, CMJ and MAF. A small group had a thought provoking visit to CMS in Devonport. Generous donations of food and money were made by the congregations for our Harvest Appeal. Fresh food was donated to Open Door and packaged food and money to the Community Larder.

We are currently reviewing the missions we support and are likely to make changes from 2020, if approved by PCC. The committee continues to need a new Chair following Dick Bishop's retirement in 2017.

**James Hutchings**

#### **t) MONDAY GROUP**

Monday Night Group is our house group for young adults, which grew out of UR2. Since September we have been using the Bible Society's Bible Course which has been a fantastic resource for deepening our biblical knowledge, biblical history, and biblical theology. The sessions are designed to not only inform but to challenge us to apply the Bible to our own lives. We have had some excellent discussions on topics ranging from God looking at our hearts rather than our outward appearance, to the reality of Christians being persecuted for their faith in other parts of the world. This term at Open to God we are hosting a Question Panel which will be made up partly of members of Monday Night Group. This gives our young adults an opportunity to think and pray about difficult questions and answer them from a biblical perspective, but also from the perspective of contemporary society. It continues to be an exciting and challenging journey as we grow and learn together with our young adults. **Louise Prideaux**

#### **u) MOTHERS UNION**

During the past year we were sad to report the deaths of two of members, our Chaplain the Rev'd. Mary Weatherley who was responsible for enrolling many new Mothers' Union members at Holy Trinity and Sybil Bextor, a long serving and very active member at Lymstone and Exmouth. We held a total of 12 meetings, last year, with seven excellent speakers including our Curate the Rev'd Hugh Ryden and wife Kate. Two meetings with members' reflections on the Mothers' Union. A most enjoyable June "Afternoon Tea" very kindly provided, once again, by the Rev'd Margaret and Hamilton Cameron was greatly appreciated by our ladies and their husbands. Budleigh Salterton Mothers' Union invited our members to an interesting talk/quiz given by The Rev'd. Caroline Luff.

Our long serving member, Betty Jones, continues to attend H.T. Christenings - with five-year follow up. We have stopped sending knitted blanket squares to the Orphanage in Ndola, at their request, due to new taxes enforced by their government and we are sending these squares to Moldova. Any kind donations of new double knitting wool for these projects are greatly appreciated and thanks to the friends who also knit jumpers which are sent to Charity International and onto Africa so children can go to school - no decent jumper - no school! You are welcome to any of our events - Our programme is displayed in the foyer and on the M.U. Table - please just turn up - and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

**Brenda Lowes. Co-ordinator**

**v) OPEN TO GOD** (every Sunday evening during term time, 5:30 at Littleham Church) Open to God has been wonderful this year and continues to grow in depth and numbers. We have fantastic teams who provide hospitality, welcome, prayer ministry, worship, sound and vision tech support and, of course,

preach. We have had some outstanding sermons this year and are working on having the recordings available. **Benedict Cambridge**

#### **w) PASTORAL LINK REPORT FOR HOLY TRINITY AND LITTLEHAM**

109 link letters had been written over a period of 25+ years and it was time for a change. Summer 2018 saw the distribution of our first Pastoral Link **Conversation**; on that occasion it was with members of the Flower Guild and at Christmas it was with the captain of Littleham bell tower. These conversations should help us appreciate more of the ministries carried out in both our churches. They are distributed to most present and some former members of our churches by the linkers, each of whom takes a caring interest in the members of our church family who have been assigned to them. The linkers are a team of some 40 church members who assist and work closely with the clergy in the pastoral ministry of the churches. They keep an eye open at church for people in their group, notice if they are absent for a while and contact them to make sure all is well.

If you do not have a 'link' and would like one, or if you would like to find out more about this ministry with a view to becoming a linker, please contact [vlambirth41@btinternet.com](mailto:vlambirth41@btinternet.com) at Holy Trinity or Margaret Philpott [margphilpott@rocketmail.com](mailto:margphilpott@rocketmail.com) at Littleham.

#### **x) PRAYER CHAIN**

The Prayer Chain is issued every week to a limited number of people in Littleham and HT Churches, who are committed to intercessory prayer in a regular, disciplined way for a defined list of people. The list is treated as confidential. Some names will be known to all of us, others to a few and some wish to remain anonymous but they are all people who have asked for prayer for particular needs. The wording I send out is agreed with either the person concerned or a friend or family member.

In addition, I also circulate a **Parish-wide Prayer List** to a much wider group of people in both churches where the person concerned is a member and the needs are in the public domain. This is only sent out when necessary but again the wording is always agreed beforehand. **Ian Pusey 275549**  
[lan.pusey@btinternet.com](mailto:lan.pusey@btinternet.com)

#### **y) SAFEGUARDING**

This year we have been fortunate that the personnel in the Diocesan Safeguarding team have remained the same and that they are really pro-active about the process of safer recruitment across many aspects of the church, and are always available to answer any queries in a friendly, and professional manner.

During the year, Nigel organised for the Diocesan team to run a successful training session, primarily with the "Chill" Young Leaders, (although others to whom it was appropriate also attended) to cover the C1 course. It would be really great if as many people as possible could have completed the C0 training- the basic training – advised for anyone working with young people or vulnerable adults. This is an online course and is easily accessible through the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website <http://exeter.anglican.org>

It has been decided that DBS forms (formerly known as CRB) have to be completed every 5 years – a system now to be done online, for everyone who **regularly** works with either young people or vulnerable adults. If this applies to you, you will hear from me/the Mission Community Office in the near future! It is now an online process to apply for DBS. In addition to this, the guidance is that all "officers" of the church (PCC, Wardens etc), have been asked to complete a disclosure statement form, which includes 2 referees. For those currently in post, it can be done as verbal referees retrospectively. These are held on record locally and remain within the Parish. **Sue Stock (Safeguarding Officer)**

#### **z) STEPPING STONES**

Stepping Stones, a coffee morning offering support and companionship to the bereaved, meets in Trinity Hall on the first Wednesday of every month between 11.00am and 1.00pm. It is usually attended by six to eight volunteers from the congregations of Holy Trinity and St Margaret and St Andrew's, and, in 2018,

welcomed an average of eight (men and women) per month who had suffered bereavement. Some of these were returning 'customers' who we have got to know, while others were new. Some are referred to us by Palmer's, Funeral Directors, some by CRUSE and others simply by word of mouth. Whatever their source and whatever their beliefs, we aim to maintain an informal, friendly and welcoming ethos that encourages them to engage with each other and with the volunteers over coffee and, usually, cake. It seems to work! **Keith Moore and Pauline Mortimer**

#### **Aa) WALKIE TALKIES**

The group is going well, most weeks there are about twelve people walking, even in 'not so good' weather. Sadly one of our faithful walkers, is no longer with us, who we dearly miss. Also, one or two, who can no longer join us for walks, but then when you reach your nineties, it's not too surprising! We had another enjoyable Christmas meal in December at the Devoncourt, about seventeen of us, always good to get together for a 'catch up'. **Jane Ladbury**

#### **Ab) WALKING GROUP – HOLY TRINITY**

HT Friday Walking Group meets on alternate Fridays for a walk somewhere or other! Most are just for a morning but sometimes we exert ourselves and take some lunch. Occasionally we will have a social kind of outing where a walk will take second place. As we all know, we are privileged to live in a lovely county and it is always a pleasure to explore it in the company of others. If you would like to join us, please call or e-mail me. **Ian Pusey 275549** [ian.pusey@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.pusey@btinternet.com)

#### **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES WORK**

As I write this report, I am reminded of the fact that, subject to the fulfilment of all the necessary requirements and God willing, it will be the last one I write as I prepare for ordained ministry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PCC and members of our Parish Churches who have unconditionally supported Liz and I over the past twelve years in our lay ministry with the children, young people and their families. I am very grateful and feel very blessed that I have been given the ability to stay in my role on a reduced hour's contract, allowing me to train for ordained ministry at the same time.

During the past three years, I have worked with James and the CYF (Children, Youth and Families) group to make sure that there is succession plan in place, ensuring all groups and activities are sustainable, each with a capable team of leaders and volunteers. Over this time, through prayerful reflection, there have been groups which have evolved and some initiatives have changed direction. My prayer is that the foundations we have put in place will allow the person who takes on this role the very best opportunity to build on the work we have already done in sharing in Jesus with all who we have come into contact with.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank every single person, who in any capacity within our groups and activities, have unconditionally served our children, young people and their families. Without their love and commitment, none of the work we have managed to do over the years would have been possible. **Thank you!**

Over this past year, we have once again been blessed in so many areas as we look to take the Gospel message into our schools, groups, and our activities in the community in which we live and serve. Please see below a selection of reports on the work we do in this parish and in our community. **Nigel Candulent**

#### **aa) 1<sup>st</sup> ROLLE (HOLY TRINITY) RAINBOWS**

1st Rolle rainbows started the year on a high with a new leader in training and a new D of E volunteer joining the existing team. We had at the beginning of the year 15 girls in our unit from a number of local schools. They enjoy a range of activities, cooking being one of their favourites and having the large kitchen facilities means they have been able to create a number of different foods from pizzas to cup cakes. During the Easter period they enjoyed having pancakes and an Easter egg hunt in the church. During the summer term we spent most of the term outside in the church grounds, using skipping rope, playing different games outside and just having the ability to be able to run around and burn off some energy. In May the

girls went on a joint trip with other local rainbows, brownies and guides to Crealy adventure park where they were able to meet other rainbows and groups and just have some fun. In the summer holidays we sadly lost one of our leaders to another unit which was going to close if a leader couldn't be found. We chose to keep our numbers low for the autumn term as we found our feet. However the girls that we did have enjoyed taking part in the churches flower festival and they had the opportunity to look down on the festival and see the work they had done and how it fitted in with the other displays. They love making things and showing off their art work. We also discovered we had a few actresses in our unit when we did a puppet challenge badge where they made puppet and created a show for them. At Christmas we had our Christmas party and a bring a friend party where the girls all brought someone to show what they did at rainbows and the fun that they had. The girls and leaders at 1st Rolle Rainbows would like to take this chance to thank the church for letting them use the hall and facilities and making them feel part of the wider church community and we look forward to what we have planned for 2019. Fern

#### **aa) 2<sup>nd</sup> EXMOUTH (HOLY TRINITY) BROWNIES**

During the past year we have done a variety of activities, both as a Pack and as part of Exmouth Division. We have done a great deal of craft, thanks to Little Owl's amazing skills, as well as more energetic activities! As ever, we are grateful to be able to use the beautiful grounds to play games. We took part in several Exmouth Division events, including "Thinking Day", Remembrance Parade and Brownie Revels where under the theme of "Trains, Planes and Automobiles", Brownies learnt how to check the oil & top up the windscreen cleaner in a car and the afternoon was complete with a trip on the Exmouth Land train. Following this, several of the girls took part in the "Planes, trains and Automobiles" sleep over under the wing of Concorde at the Fleet Air Arm museum. At Christmas, we entertained the residents of Fernhurst with a variety of Carols and other musical items. Within our meetings we have completed a number of challenges including one celebrating the centenary of "Votes for Women", as a result of which we are now sporting our beautiful green, purple and white neckerchiefs. The number of Brownies has steadily grown, and we are pleased to report that we have approx. 20 girls in the pack.

**Sue Stock (Brown Owl), Mary Tuckett (Mowgli) & Caroline Walshaw (Little Owl)**

#### **bb) CHILL**

The 'Chill' doors have been open for nearly twelve years. It has firmly established itself as not only a club, but a family and a 'mission' field. We reach into the heart of the Littleham community from its base at the Littleham Leisure Centre, with everything we do, firmly rooted and established in the love of Jesus. We provide a safe place and a 'cool' place to be for young people aged between 10 and 18.

Well over 450 different young people have attended Chill since we began. The main club, which runs from 7.30pm to 9pm is for school year 6 (10 years old) to school year 9 (14 years old). This group is mainly made up of children from Littleham School, Littleham estate and existing members' friends.

"CHILL IN" was created for the 14 year old members who didn't want to leave! This runs from 9pm until 10pm and is for all previous members of the main group, all young leaders, those on the young helpers programme and their friends.

#### **"CHILL" Young 'helper' programme.**

At the age of 15, former members of the club can help at the club, under the supervision of the adults, taking on many different responsibilities. We have been able to give references to many of our young helpers, who have all secured part-time jobs, thanks to the positive feedback that we are able to give their future employers. In addition to this, we now have seven young adults' leaders who have come through this programme. They have all made a commitment of faith during their time at Chill and are all now regular Church family members and part of the main adult team, growing in confidence and in their faith. A mentoring programme is also in place to assist those on their journey of faith. It is so very encouraging to see them show their faith in action, serving at the club they once attended!

Five of these are now part of the CYF group, actively involved in the recruitment process for my successor. Nathan Wakefield, who has been involved in Chill since the age of ten, is now a member of the PCC and an

integral part of the leadership team moving forward. My thanks go to our Curate Huw who has been part of the leadership team since he joined the Parish. He will oversee the transition when the newly appointed youth worker takes over responsibility of heading up the 'Chill' leadership team.

The 'Chill' main club continues to be a place to build strong friendships and relationships with young people irrespective of their faith. It is also a place where the adult leaders can come alongside the young people, providing positive role models in their lives, which in some cases is sadly lacking. A number of the leaders and young leaders meet every Friday on a 'Chill' night at 6pm for Chill@6. Under the guidance of Huw, they share a meal then have a very informal time chatting over all the big 'life' questions.

**Nigel Candellent**

#### **cc) HOLY TRINITY 0-5 GROUP**

Another year, our 24<sup>th</sup> year, has come and gone. We have seen some changes in patterns of attendance for parents and carers. Although our numbers have reduced we have been a life line and a blessing to many families. Recently we have had an influx of babies. A safe warm environment for new babies to be. We have enjoyed many activities from making cards, wall murals and bird feeders to singing and constructive play. Our cake sales support other charities like children in need. Our monthly fruit weeks at snack time are popular and the toast weeks are great fun with one and two year olds learning to spread butter on their toast. The miracle catch flower display in HT flower festival this year was a challenge for our little ones contributing with paper flowers and glittering fish.

Please continue to pray for us to reach more unchurched families to bring them into contact with the love of Jesus in practical ways of help, learning through play.

Janine and I would really appreciate some help from the Church family community. Help to assist with crafts by sitting on the craft table showing the children how to hold a crayon, brush or roll out playdough for example. Sitting at a table and playing with the Duplo or in the book corner would be just a few ways to assist us. Please consider and call into the group on a Tuesday between 10 and 12pm or ring Kay 01395 222509 with your details.

Kay Atkinson

#### **dd) HALFWAYS**

Halfways is now in its fifth year. It is a family orientated friendship group based at Littleham Leisure Centre, held on alternate Tuesdays in term time. Halfways provides a space for the children and their families to go to straight after school, meeting together in a very informal and relaxed setting. There are drinks and snacks available and all profits go to the Littleham Leisure centre. Lots of families from Littleham Church of England School attend as it is a short walk from the school. This year, numbers have remained consistent. Halfways continues to be place where families can gather and build friendships. We have been blessed with a good supporting team from the church and the community in the smooth running of this group.

**Nigel Candellent**

#### **ee) OPEN DOOR ICE(Initiatives in Christian Education) PROJECT**

The ICE project, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, continues to be a very important part of Exmouth Community College. The team is made up of the local Christian Youth Workers across Exmouth. ICE delivered different events during this last School academic year, such as a fashion show and the ICE awards, focussing on boosting self confidence and self esteem. ICE continues to be involved in daily life of the school, delivering either lunchtime provision, detached work on the playgrounds, mentoring, RE lessons, pastoral work and assemblies. This year there has been a focus on the mental health and well being of the student. 'Haven' which helps support young people and their families affected by these issues, provides valuable pastoral support to all those who attend. New Head teacher, Mr Davies continues to support the project, following on from the excellent relationship that ICE had with the previous Head, Mr Alexander. **Nigel Candellent**

## **ff) PRAISE AND PLAY**

Praise and Play, which celebrates its 4<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, is a toddler friendly time of fun, fellowship, play and worship, held in the Littleham Leisure Centre, every Monday afternoon between 1 30pm and 3 pm during term time held. It is a fresh expression of Church aimed at families with pre-school children. There is a time of play and a chance for the parents and leaders to chat. There is a time of worship, which includes a song and a story from the Bible and a time to pray. Each week there is a visiting story teller who brings alive a story or theme from the Bible. Leader, Rachel Poole continues to be blessed with a strong team of volunteers, who, in turn, all continue to be a blessing to Littleham estate and those who attend.

**Nigel Candellent**

## **gg) SCHOOLSWORK**

Our work in our two Parish Church schools remains strong and a key part of our Ministry with children and their families. As the Church-link grows, we continue to be given lots more opportunities to develop the spiritual side of our work. Every week the Rector, Team Vicar, Curate and CYF worker are involved in Collective worship (assemblies) in each school. Every Friday in term time Beacon school hold a Collective worship at Holy Trinity. Both schools visit their respective churches regularly for religious education purposes. They also visit the church for services celebrating the major festivals and significant events throughout the church calendar. Both schools have children who pray regularly as a group. These prayers include: other children; teachers; school life; their families; people in different countries; friends (and pets!!) and those who are ill. Both schools have age appropriate lunch and after school clubs which are all about building relationships.

## **hh) THE BEACON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

The past year has seen a number of staffing changes at The Beacon. Following Mrs Sue Lockwood moving on and a term's leadership from our Acting Headteacher, I joined the team as Headteacher in September 2018, some long-standing members of the teaching team moved on at the same time and we welcome a new Administration Manager from the start of March 2019. The team may have evolved, but we are just as enthusiastic about The Beacon and the opportunities we have to foster a love of learning for all our children. Governors and I have been focussing on developing the leadership and management of the school following these significant changes. The focus on ensuring our children learn to 'live life in all its fullness' remains at the heart of the educational offer with Beach and Forest School, music, dance and a wide range of exciting activities remaining at the heart of what makes our school special. This year we are particularly focussing on our maths curriculum and embedding 'Understanding Christianity' amongst other things. We are also expanding on the opportunities for our parents and carers to find out what it's like to learn at The Beacon. We feel that opening our doors to families and fostering the relationships we have with parents and carers will help us to do our very best to both inspire and empower our children to become independent and successful learners across all areas of the curriculum and beyond. Amongst other events, parents and carers have joined us when we opened the doors on our maths lessons. The Celebration Worship we hold at Holy Trinity every Friday morning is proving successful with children telling me they really enjoy being able to join with parents and carers for our worship – they especially enjoy it when adults as well as children are roped in to taking an active role in our worship! There is an open invitation to everyone to join us every Friday morning during term time at 9am.

**Anne Billington, Headteacher**

## **ii) LITTLEHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

This year has been another productive one for the school as they continue to develop their outstanding Christian ethos. Throughout the year, they have continued a strong focus on the School values. These have included values such as; Friendship, Generosity, Compassion, Courage and Forgiveness. Littleham Church provides a team who deliver 'Open the book', which brings alive stories from the Bible in a very interactive way. The children are also able to see how the Bible stories they hear, connect with their School values. As

part of the School focus, there is a Values Tree displayed in the main hall, which has a children's name placed on it time they display a value in action. There is an after school club film club called 'Chatterbox' which continues to be popular. Having munched their way through popcorn, there is a discussion afterwards about the film, trying to identify the different values that were evident within the film. It has been very exciting to see how the values underpin everything the School do. To see the children's names added to the Values Tree each term, is a real joy. A genuine representation of the School values in action! For further information about Littleham Church of England Primary School, visit their website; [www.littleham.devon.sch.uk](http://www.littleham.devon.sch.uk)

### **jj) SUMMER CAMPS**

Camps continue to play a valuable part in our yearly programme aimed at children, young people and their families.

### **kk) NEW WINE**

George and Benedict Cambridge continue to organise this camp visit, which is a weeklong event aimed at families. Formally held at the Bath and West Showground Shepton Mallet, this now has a new home in Peterborough. Over 4 000 people attend this event, which is a super mix of fellowship, worship, seminars, teaching and prayer ministry. There was a good number of our Church family who attend. For anyone interested in going to this year's event, please contact George or Benedict.

### **ll) SPREE**

This is an annual event, held over a weekend in July at the Sherbrook Park in Crediton. It is run by 'Urban Saints' and SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) and has over 1000 young people from all over the South West attend. It was a brilliant weekend giving excellent memories and so many blessings!! We had a wide age range of children and young people who took advantage of age appropriate spiritual programmes. There is also an opportunity for our young people 16 to 19yrs of age who have made a commitment to Christ to attend as part of our leader team, as helpers. This is all about living out their faith in service. Thanks go to Huw Ryden, Fiona Upchurch, Elizabeth and Peter Burren, Rachel Poole, Linda Hunter, Nathan Wakefield, Abi Bryson, Hannah Billington, Mark Timms and all those who made and provided food, and helped with transport.

### **mm) SCHOOLS OUT YEAR 6 SUMMER CAMP**

This is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and each year grows from strength to strength!! Our original vision for this was to have a weekend away for the children from our Parish who were about to leave primary school to make friends with those in the same position. It was also a place where members of the ICE project could come along and say hello. When our children started at the community college, there was a friendly face there to greet them. This has proved to be a very popular addition to the schools calendar. The weekend which is held at Bristol schools camp on the cliff tops at Orcombe Point in Exmouth is a lovely mix of Bible stories, beach games, fun and fellowship. On the last day the parents are invited in to be shown around the camp by their children followed by refreshments and an end of camp gathering/prize giving. This is a really nice way to finish the camp and is a great witness to the parents. Our thanks go to all the helpers who give up their weekend to make this camp possible.! Thanks also go to all of those who have provided food and most importantly prayed for us! Without the help of these wonderful people, none of the camps we are involved in would happen. **Nigel Candeleant**

### **nn) YOUTH MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP**

This year we have continued to concentrate on building on the relationships with some of our older teenagers who have made a commitment to faith through mentoring and the addition of a 'home' group for those aged 18 to 21 ( see report below). This year we were thrilled that two of our young people who were on our 'Chill' young helper programme made a commitment of faith. Both of them were baptised in

the sea in the summer. We continue to run 'Chill'@6, which is a chance for those on the Chill young leader programme to explore faith and ask those big 'life' questions. This prompted us to run a 'Chill' Youth Alpha, specifically aimed at all the young helpers at 'Chill'. We had those from 'Chill', who have made a commitment of faith and now help are leaders themselves helped to deliver this course. This was extremely encouraging.

### **oo)\_SUNDAY PROVISION**

It has been important to prayerfully recognise the ever-changing landscape of what 'church' looks like to our children, young people and their families. In response to this, we now have different offers within the parish to accommodate the needs of the children and families on a Sunday. As our young people have grown up, we have tried to provide age appropriate sessions for them. The most recent example of this is the newly formed Sermon dodgers aimed at our teenagers who now attend Open to God. They join in with the fellowship and worship then leave the service at the sermon for their own age appropriate teaching. Below is a summary of what we offer on a Sunday:

### **BREAKFAST PRAISE**

This is a monthly term time service held originally at Littleham Church of England School. For a number of reasons, the service now has its home at the Littleham Leisure Centre. This is a place that all who attend are very familiar with, giving a flexibility to the way the worship is delivered, through the use of the whole building, which was not possible at the School. Breakfast praise consists of family worship using multimedia, contemporary worship songs, craft activities and interactive and creative prayer. Its structure has been loosely based on the 'messy' church model and Collective Worship which the children who attend are very familiar with. Each service starts with croissants, refreshments and fellowship at 9 45am

### **JUNIOR CHURCH – LITTLEHAM**

Junior continues to meet at Littleham Leisure Centre on Sunday mornings at 9.45am- except when Breakfast Praise is on - where all share breakfast together before the main teaching session. Junior Church are really blessed by their 'brekkie' team who prepare, serve and clear away the breakfasts, leaving the Junior Church leaders more time to talk to the children over breakfast, sharing some of the ups and downs of their week in a nurturing environment. Numbers continue to vary. All who attend leave the leisure centre and join the church family at the communion in the church, staying to join everyone for the notices and refreshments at the end of the service.

### **SERMON DODGERS**

2018 saw the launch of a new discipleship group called 'The Sermon Dodger's' (the young people chose the name!). The teenagers aged between 12 and 15 who attend Open to God on a Sunday evening stay for the fellowship at the start and the worship which follows before heading to the NND room for some age appropriate teaching and discussion, along with a team of leader / volunteers who help where needed

### **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY @ 4**

Now 4 years old, currently meets every week in term time. It is specifically aimed at children and their parents or carers from the Beacon school (although not exclusively) at a more accommodating time and in a more relaxed and accessible way. Sunday@4 consists of a time for refreshments at the start, where all are encouraged to take part in craft activities. We then gather for a short time of interactive worship and prayer, giving children and their parents the opportunity to participate, bringing the Bible stories to life through drama, actions and dressing up. 'Messy' Church is now a household name and is a very popular structure, being tried and tested in many churches over many years. We have taken its main strengths and adapted it to work for our families here in this place. Numbers continue to vary, but does have a small number of 'regulars', who along with an excellent and very committed team of helper leaders make Sunday@4 a very special time of fun, fellowship and worship. **Nigel Candelent**